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**Subject:** FW: DEQ has private meeting with Aquila  
**Date:** Monday, August 19, 2019 9:07:00 AM

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**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 18, 2019 11:11 AM  
**To:** Korleski, Christopher <korleski.christopher@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: DEQ has private meeting with Aquila

Hi Chris,

It's time for the EPA to tell us what happened at the meeting with Aquila Resources last year. What did Aquila offer the EPA that changed the initial EPA comments/decision? Tell us now.

The links to the three newspaper articles are the basis of my questions.

Thanks,

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** Re: DEQ has private meeting with Aquila  
**Date:** August 18, 2019 at 10:01:07 AM CDT  
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The Wisconsin State Journal (Madison) ran Keith Matheny's longer Detroit Free Press article in its entirety in the Sunday newspaper:

[https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/environment/tribe-has-stake-in-disputed-ore-mine-near-menominee-river/article\\_b23c26d8-68d4-518f-96d1-5dcca4e86cfc.html](https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/environment/tribe-has-stake-in-disputed-ore-mine-near-menominee-river/article_b23c26d8-68d4-518f-96d1-5dcca4e86cfc.html)

This is identical to the 2nd link that Al sent below. They did not run the shorter article about Aquila meeting with regulators in private.

The WSJ also ran Menominee Chairman Douglas Cox's op-ed in the same paper:

[https://madison.com/wsj/opinion/column/douglas-cox-back-forty-mine-will-pollute-menominee-river/article\\_9248750f-c271-5aa0-88e8-c9ef3d91fa84.html](https://madison.com/wsj/opinion/column/douglas-cox-back-forty-mine-will-pollute-menominee-river/article_9248750f-c271-5aa0-88e8-c9ef3d91fa84.html)

Dave

On Aug 13, 2019, at 12:02 PM, (b)(6)

wrote:

Hi all,

"Aquila does not want to share information that may be incriminating or that may end up in the public domain and result in additional negative public pressure."

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/08/13/michigan-upper-peninsula-mine/1969243001/>

"Over and over, Michigan regulators sounded alarms as they reviewed a proposed large, open-pit mine in the Upper Peninsula near the Menominee River, prized for walleye fishing and a major tributary to Lake Michigan...and a river culturally iconic to the Menominee Indians of Wisconsin, whose creation story includes that they come from the river's mouth....

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/08/13/back-forty-mine-menominee-river-upper-peninsula/1935792001/>

None of this explosive information would have been disclosed were it not for the persistence of the Back Forty opposition in exposing this outrageous behavior by DEQ officials and Aquila corporate executives.

Al